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1059**DODD SAYS PEARSON  
TRIES CASE IN PRESS**

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson, defendants in a \$2-million libel suit by Senator Thomas J. Dodd, were accused by the Senator's lawyer today of trying the case in the press rather than in court.

In an affidavit filed in Federal District Court here, the attorney, John F. Sonnett, appealed anew for assignment of a single judge "who will expedite and exert strong control over the pretrial and trial of this case."

Mr. Sonnett protested that Mr. Anderson had given "the press a twisted, self-serving, distorted version" of a pre-trial deposition by James P. Boyd Jr., former administrative assistant to the Connecticut Democratic Senator.

"The inaccurate and incomplete reports of the deposition given to the press by Mr. And-

erson has [sic] worked to the detriment of plaintiff, who has remained silent with a view to trying the case in the courts and not in the newspapers," Mr. Sonnett's affidavit said.

Mr. Anderson, who writes a national political column with Mr. Pearson, was present during Mr. Boyd's pre-trial deposition last week as one of the principals. Later he gave other newsmen an account of Mr. Boyd's testimony.

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